

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete previous abstract at page 22 and add the following new abstract:

--A piezoelectric transducer drive circuit comprising a variable current source (~~12~~) being controlled by a differential operational amplifier (~~11~~), a constant current source (~~15~~) and a switch means (~~13~~) connected in series with the variable current source (~~12~~) between a power supply voltage V_{DD} and the ground potential, and a capacitor (~~14~~) having opposite ends connected with the output of the variable current source (~~12~~) and one input terminal of the differential operational amplifier (~~11~~), wherein the switch means (~~13~~) takes nonconducting state upon stoppage of applying operation of intermittent operation and takes conducting state at the time of applying operation, and an error reference voltage V_{REF1} takes a first value upon stoppage of intermittent operation and transits gradually to a second value as the operation is started. Overshoot current of a cold cathode ray tube can be deterred when applying operation of intermittent operation is started.--

A clean abstract is attached.